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ISSUE #5

RADICAL STUFF!

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We also do a lot of crime...

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Execution of Afghan woman by the Taliban, filmed by RAWA

PATRIARCHAL:
MALE dominance of family AND SOCIETY WITH respect TO POWER, AUTHORITY, AND DECISION MAKING.

·WOMEN ARE IN PRISON·
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"A surface to air missive to the new generation" Cheezus liked this alot and he does'nt hardly like many 'zines. I thought it *was great even tho CrimethInc. Does not exist. Send a couple/few stamps to: CrimethInc. HQ 2695 Rangewood dr. Atlanta Georgia 30345 *CrimethInc. is only a ghost that you make flesh

(5) So. Chicago ABC 'zine catalog (Prisoners 'zines) Wow! Anthony, editor of Thought Bombs does a ton of distro work for prisoners 'zines, and this is a guide to the ones he currently carries. Great stuff... When you order Thought Bombs ask for this too. Support your imprisoned fellow anarchists - support the Anarchist Black Cross Federation!

(6) Women are in prison - 2 bux? Available from So. Chicago ABC. Anthony sent this powerful testament to the explosion of incarceration rates for the female population in the U.S. Read this and understand: the United States has relinquished it's 'moral high ground' over overtly misogynist regimes (such as the Taliban) through the gender biased criminal justice system here in America.

Other good readin: Calvin and Hobbes' Guide to living' by Robin Banks - CrimethInc. $1?
ATR zine ($?) 118 Raritan Ave. Highland Park NJ 08904
Off the Hook MPLU newsletter - Missouri Prison Labor Union.
The System Kills
Both available thru So. Chicago ABC
(7) 2 bux/free to prisoners

A Ransom Note

Hi! I'm Smedley. I once was called "editor" of this zine, which sounds better than owner or creator... some shit like that. But, if anything created this artifact, it was the moment in time and space where it was assembled. No, this isn't only one person playing with rev names, and yes we really all do exist. Well at least we did at the various moments this came together. As for me, I'm a robber. As to the rest of the staff... I don't tell peo-ple others' business like that. But I'll say all of our imprisonment resulted from appropriations of property and fighting cops. I hope this issue doesn't come off as overly propagandistic... other than that, I make no apologies for what you might get out of this. Do you, for what you get out of life?
Are we political prisoners? Prisoners of the class war? You decide. You were going to anyways...
Oh, and by the way. For the next few minutes we'll aim to hold your attention for ransom. But the *moment* is always yours. Remember that. It's your first step to freedom.

To holler @ the Smeditor, write:
Dave Gurz EB1596
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Yeah, I'll write back. No, I don't have slimy plots brewing. If you're a racist or other type of hater - save your postage.
'Darkness Descending' by Art Smith EA 1560 same joint.

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FINANCIAL NEWS.....

THINGS THAT WE READ IN THE HOLE

...AND WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON. 17

(1) THOUGHT BOMBS #18 RevCAT said he liked, CHEEZUS said it was Alright tho not entirely his thing, Joe Dirt gave a thumbs up, and Smedley says - Highly Reccomend it! Overall Review: One of the few 'zines that the whole review ensamble agreed was really good to a varied extent. Pick up Thought Bombs! 2 $/free to Prisoners.. So. Chicago ABC 'zine distro P.O. box 721 Homewood IL 60430. Oh, and by the way T.B. is a collection of works by Anthony of So. Chicago ABC and imprisoned anarchists/radical

(2) BREAK THE CHAINS #9, 10.. Send donation/Free to NW pris $5 2 yr. subscrip. for all other prisoners. Newsletter of the Northwest Political Prisoners Support Network. I write this 'zine/newsletter up in every ish. of usuals., and with good reason. Steven and the NPPSN not only put out a quality newsletter and show much love to our brothers and sisters behind bars out west - also, the NPPSN has consistently sent Break the Chains over the past year with every bunch of stamps I send in support of their work. They also carry selected works on prison abolition and anarchism/anti authoritarian thought. If you haven't checked out B.T.C. yet write: NPPSN PO Box 11331 Eugene, OR 97440 USA

★ (3) THE LITTLE BLACK STAR ★ 9-13. OUR FAVE News 'zine. At one stamp per bi-weekly issue - This little critter is packed with News They "forget" to report in the Mainstream Media™©. Submissions encouraged! (even our own fearless editor has been a contributor) Write NOW TO: Autonomous Arts Collective PO Box 197 Lewisburg PA. 17837

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The Chow Insurrection

They started fucking with our food. It came down the pike from the main office and serving sizes were cut. We got tired of losing weight and being hungry all the time. So eleven of us refused to push our trays back out the slot in the door. The Warden came. Then the Director of food management came. Then the write-ups came. Maybe dinner will be bigger. I'll probably be here in the hole with Smizz for the rest of the summer, but if you're gonna die - die with your boots on. To Solidarity!

Some still call them
PIGS.

"Darkness Descends"

Unpure is the wrath of this unfiltered light, cascading shadows of doubt as dark as the night.

Violence lingers with vengeance on hold, ready to unleash terrors untold.

A tramp under a bridge cries out in pain, a victim of darkness and its colorless flames.

Rage and fury fight to unfold, total decimation, blackness and cold.

Soon only roaches and rats will remain, becoming presidents and kings of this vast domain.

Human hands laid the plans on all that was done, so I hope they died happy and got what they wanted.

Because, daylight is dead stirring uneasily in its grave, another victim of darkness on the dawn of its age.

Written by "Smiz"

~ Gulag Blues ~

These fuckers took a copy of *Thought Bombs #17* off of one of the guys back here I'd let read it. The bastards sent it to the security/intelligence office along with a copy of Enrico Malatesta's *The Anarchist Revolution* I had lent to the guy. I don't know - I didn't consider them like "Mine! All mine!" So, it was more like I usually do with Anarchist and other literature, put it up as common material, using a "library" approach. Same as with all the stuff that's been collectivized out in population with the Radical Element Subterranean Information Network (Resin Collective.)

Still, it sucks that these gestapo scumbags taxed T.B. These pigs are so over-sensitive these days to anything they can construe as possibly a security threat. Key word there is construe. Of course they have no problem with mainstream media that "advocates violence." But when there's mention of going counter to the political game accepted by the US government, forget it. The violence pumped through the tv is acceptable to them. Not "Hollywood" violence, but the violence against civilians by the military and corporations.

Yeah, yeah, we all know that when it serves the military industrial complex, these incidents are milked for all they're worth. Case in point: Sept. 11. How many people - average US citizens - realize that it's not their war that those workers in the WTC perished over? It's so fucking blatant! Government policy wrote a check which was cashed in the blood of its civilian population. Did the religious fanatics who cashed that check have any justifiable reason to do that? Fuck no! They were controlled by religion in the way that the US soldiers at My Lai were controlled by patriotism.

Does the Afghan child, starving in the wasteland of Kandahar have any more say about the acts of Islamic Fundamentalism than the orphaned New York child crying for a Mother who will never come home from work has with US foreign policy?

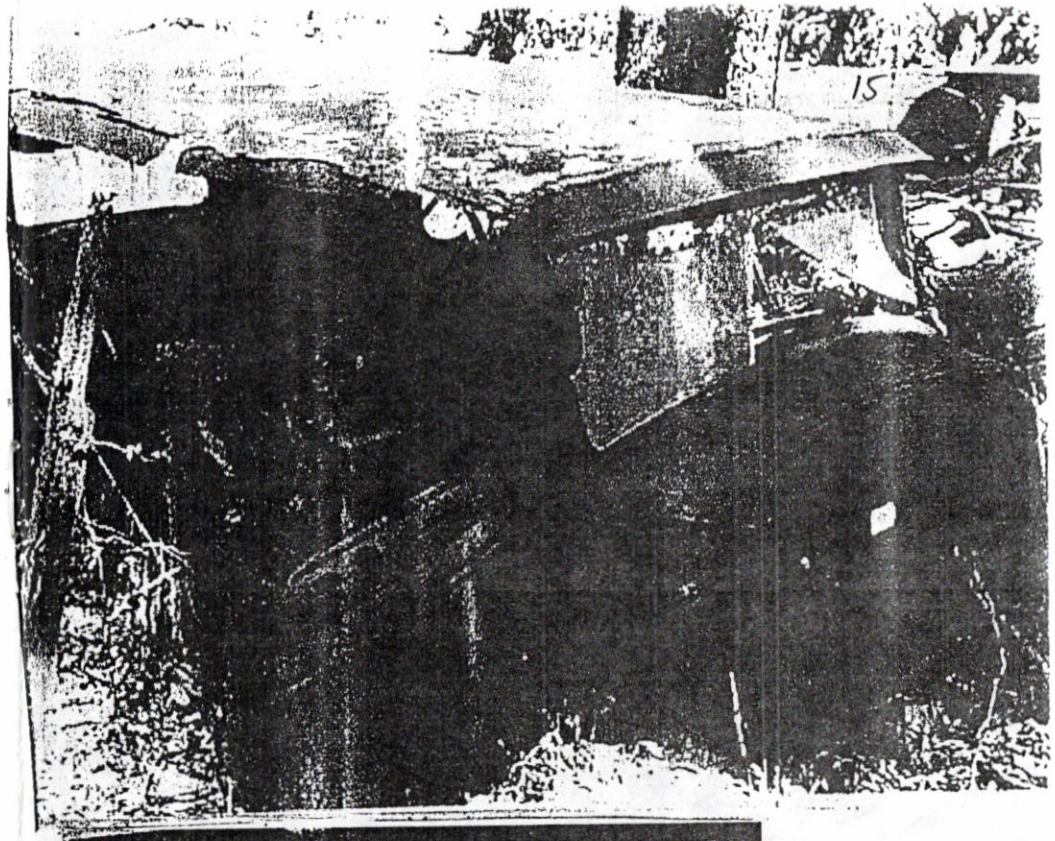
Yet, look who remains unscathed: the leaders of the network allegedly responsible for the attacks and the leaders of the US. Fucking cannon fodder. That's all we are to the ruling class. Face it, the working underclass is at best a labor pool for the wealth holders, the power holders, the ideologues and capitalists.

Disposable and controllable - that's how they keep us. Disposable with wars and wage slavery which works the main of the population to death, and controllable through the apparatus of the prison state. Now, see the shift post 9.11 to each end of that spectrum - militant nationalism becomes the main, the leaders encourage more spending to boost the economy & create jobs to keep the people busy while the real money concentrates in the hands of the military contractors.

And on the other side of the coin: enhanced police powers to fill the still expanding prison system. Of which who *really* profits? Society by the criminalization of further and further activities? Look how well the War on Drugs has failed! Oh, yes, I see now - the deterrent factor of penological incapacitation. Mmm, hmm. That's why crime rates have been dropping while imprisonment rates have been climbing.

So, then, you ask what profits from all this? What ever profits? Authority and leaders are justified by the phenomena of crime and war which they create to assure their own protection and position standing atop the necks of the working class poor, minorities and women.

And with that, here reprinted is the Anarchist Solution to the Problem of Crime.



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will come to be when enough individuals have freed themselves.

4) After self-liberation, organizing in groups for the liberation of society. These can begin simply as study groups for mutual education and communes for mutual aid. Such groups will help to promote the idea of freedom wherever they are formed.

5) Building regional, continental and world-wide federations of autonomous groups to work together to spread ideas of liberty, encourage self-initiative among people and oppose oppression.

6) Withdrawing support from government by every means. Refusing to obey laws that do not prohibit antisocial behavior but merely assert or enhance the power of government. The ultimate form of non-violent resistance is the general strike, whereby people in all walks of life refuse to work until the state is dismantled.

At the climax of the movie They Might Be Giants, the hero, who thinks he is the great crime-fighter Sherlock Holmes, says, "We're living in the Garden of Eden. We've never left it. This is Paradise all around us." Man is not fallen and in need of control; he is as he is, and that is good enough. To discover Paradise around us we have to give up our distrust of people, which means giving up our distrust of ourselves.

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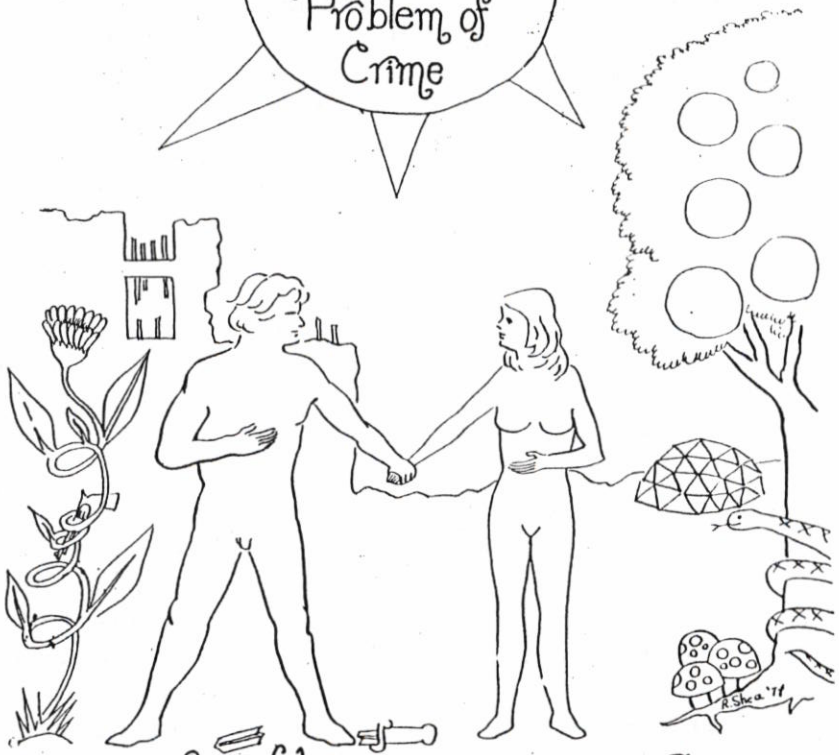
The Anarchist Solution to the Problem of Crime



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The first thing people want from government is that it maintain the peace and administer justice. Yet governments have killed more people and seized more goods than any private criminal ever has, and today's governments threaten either to wipe out humanity in a nuclear war or to submerge the world in a system of 1984-style superstates. Government and law enforcement actually perpetuate the conditions that breed crime--poverty, racism, alienation, sexual repression. Even as the numbers of laws, judges and jails increases, so do the rates of murder, rape, assault, robbery, burglary and larceny.

Anarchists believe that if government is abolished the evils it causes will disappear and the evil it supposedly prevents--antisocial behavior--will get no worse and may even decrease. A popular misconception of anarchy pictures people running amok, a complete breakdown of humane and sensible behavior. This is not what anarchists aim at, since an orgy of violence would immediately lead to the restoration of government. The basic idea of anarchism is that a peacable, harmonious social system can be founded on the willingness of most people to work together without coercion.

THE FAILURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law supposedly has four functions: 1) to establish the rights, privileges and powers of government and to regulate the economy; 2) to control private activities such as sex, drinking, drug-taking and gambling on the basis of moral judgments; 3) to act as an arbiter of disputes and an enforcer of contracts; 4) to prohibit acts that actually injure people. The first three kinds of law have little intrinsic value except to maintain many of the frustrations and inequities that incite crime, and the forbidding and punishing of antisocial acts doesnt prevent them or help their

Since general acceptance of anarchist ideas is a necessary precondition to a worldwide liberated society, antisocial behavior within the free community will probably be rare. The remedies will also be individualized and peculiar to each situation. In some cases, undoubtedly, a community will decide that the antisocial person was right and the community was wrong.

Anarchists do not believe in unalterable laws, but only in general policies. The acme of anarchism is the policy of non-invasiveness or non-coercion--Mind Your Own Business. We don't expect people to behave like saints; we expect of them simply that they leave one another alone.

FROM ARCHY TO ANARCHY

The crucial question is, How do we get from where we are to where we want to be? Basically what is needed is a change of attitudes, and the job of today's anarchists is to spread the idea of the stateless society by every available means. Here are some of the things they are doing:

1) Thinking about, studying and discussing anarchist ideas. Developing a new attitude toward crime, refusing to see it as a fearsome problem to be solved by more government power. Trying to see the criminal as a fellow human under pressure and asking themselves what he would be like in a free society.

2) Devising personal codes of conduct based on non-injury toward others. Self-discipline is the other side of the coin of self-liberation.

3) Liberating oneself. The wise anarchist does not think of himself as a liberator of his fellow men, but as one in need of liberation. The main thing anarchism offers right now is not a new social system but an ideal of personal liberation from the attitudes and habits of authoritarian society. The new society

Many anarchists accept the idea of local defense groups; different communities will produce many solutions to the problem of the defense of the peace of the community through free experimentation with any and every appropriate form. The key to every method is that it is to be used defensively only, against persons who initiate violence. Obviously, freedom is based on self-regulation and self-restraint. It is consistent with a belief in the possibility of freedom to expect people to limit their use of violence to defensive measures only.

The Abundant Economy: Prevailing economic systems, whether they call themselves socialist or capitalist, use force to maintain state-sanctioned property relations. Anarchism rejects the use of state power for any purpose. Whatever economic arrangements, collectivist or free-enterprise, people make in a free society will be voluntary. There will probably be freely accepted rules, like the rules of a game, such as, perhaps, that property be respected. But the right of anyone to anything he needs will be equally respected. Enlightened self-interest recognizes that there must be alternatives between refusing the necessities of life to those in want or forcibly making all property communal. Borrowing with mutual consent or sharing, from an individual or from a common store, will probably be the most common kind of property distribution. But in the abundant economy made possible by total freedom individuals will rarely be in want. Historical experience has shown that population declines with the spread of material prosperity and awareness of contraception. Technology can supply the basic needs of the entire human race--even today this is possible. Total freedom will allow an enormous increase in creativity, inventiveness, productivity. Man enjoys work when it isn't alienating and he isn't coerced into it.

victims. Belief in law and law-enforcement diverts attention and effort from solutions that would deal with the cause of crime.

The failure of law-enforcement is dramatically demonstrated by one criminologist's estimate that in New York City in 1972 there were 300,000 robberies and only 20,000 arrests. Police sometimes prevent crimes and jails keep a few criminals off the streets. But this is like trying to cure a fever with an ice pack. Government officials need crime and will consciously or unconsciously promote it and insist that there is no sensible solution to the crime problem except more government. But each step in this direction--each new law and each new bureaucratic office--adds to the tax burden and moves us closer to a society in which all of us are under constant surveillance and totally at the mercy of an all-powerful police.

Punishment, the keystone of crime-control in this society, is an utter failure. Caged and degraded, the condemned man learns only that justice is not rehabilitation but retaliation. The most humane prison system is still based on forcibly depriving people of their freedom, teaching the lesson that it is permissable to use force to impose one's will on others.

Crime is as natural to our kind of coercive society as cirrhosis of the liver is to an alcoholic. Western civilization has for thousands of years inflicted on its children a morality that torments the mind with fear of punishment, frustration, self-loathing, rage. Morality doesn't make people behave themselves, it creates the inner conflicts and repressed rages that provoke crime. Socially sanctioned violence provides a model and often a justification for criminal violence. And the U.S. economic system, which allows most money and property to accumulate in the hands of a few, rewards financial success no matter how attained and provokes and punishes the poor while protecting

the rich, couldn't be better designed to generate an ever-increasing crime rate.

THE ANARCHIST ALTERNATIVE

It may seem hard to imagine that civilization could survive without government, but it once seemed impossible that civilization could exist without slavery. Human nature, contrary to what many people believe, is not dangerous and in need of control.

It is sometimes argued that since man has formed governments throughout history, both government and its abuses are natural to humans. But the fact that people tend to rely informally on leadership does not make monarchies, oligarchies or even republics and democracies inevitable. Most of the preconditions of an anarchist society existed in the more unsettled areas of North America only a century ago. To solve their immediate problems, people decided to surrender some of their freedom to a local sheriff. Only too late did they realize that giving up a little bit of freedom is like contracting a little bit of cancer. The memoirs of old Western settlers are full of regrets for the unfettered individualism of the frontier. The lesson to be drawn is that freedom demands a certain toughness, an insistence on self-reliance and, as the proverb has it, eternal vigilance.

Anarchism doesn't promise a perfect world--only something better that what we've got. The abolition of the state won't instantly transform humanity into a race of kindly, enlightened creatures. But we can rely on the probablity that, set free, people will pursue their interests with prudence and enough imagination to be able to envision long-run consequences. That could be and should be enough to make this a happier world.

Libertarian Morality: The violent type of human being is produced by our current methods of child-rearing. The repressive, authoritarian, coercive practices currently used in many families and schools are necessary only to condition children to live in a government-run society. Libertarian, free-form families and schools--the open family, the Summerhill-type school, the free association of men, women and children without authoritarian control--will not produce the violent, twisted types so common in today's society. The abolition of coercive law will lead to a society free of sexual suppression and sexist male domination. Without the support of force these forms of oppression will be unable to compete with more attractive ideas and practices. As sexual repression disappears, so will violent sex crimes.

The Nonviolent Society: Even in the best of societies it is to be expected that some persons will still make trouble. Murder. Rape. Pilfering. Attempts to defraud. How to deal with these do-badders? Mankind's tribes, clans, bands and free communes have developed a variety of methods for dealing with the person who harms others. Nonviolent approaches include ostracism, public denunciation (especially effective when, as with the Quakers, the culprit is wept over and forgiven), payments by the wrongdoer to his victims, persuasion, education, social pressure, non-compulsory therapy, the help of friends and neighbors, non-collaboration and nonviolent resistance.

In the view of some anarchists, any use of force is coercive, and the evils anarchists are trying to overcome can only be corrected by complete renunciation of force, but others propose a range of self-defense methods which, the believe, are compatible with libertarian principles. One sure deterrent to the criminal is fear of his victim's possible retaliation.